

REMARKS

Claims 9, 13-17 and 20-22 are pending in this application. Claims 9, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 18, 19 and 23-27 have been canceled. Claims 9 and 13 have been amended to recite the limitations therein in independent form. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 13. Withdrawn claims 23-27 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants believe that the rejections should be withdrawn and that pending claims 9, 13-17 and 20-22 are in condition for allowance.

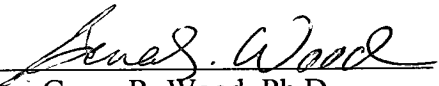
In the Office Action, it is stated that claims 9, 13-17 and 20-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner states that neither Shick et al. or Jacobine et al. teaches or suggests the step of removing exposed portions of the photodefinable polymer composition as recited in claim 13. Additionally, the Examiner states that neither Shick et al. or Jacobine et al. teaches or suggests the method of claim 14.

Claims 9 and 13 have been amended to recite the limitations therein in independent form. Applicants submit that claims 9 and 13 as amended are allowable. Because claims 14-17 and 20-22 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 13, they too are deemed allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 9, 13-17 and 20-22 in the present application are distinguishable from the cited prior art. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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